

**Adwick-le-Street
Urban District Council**



**The Health of
ADWICK-LE-STREET
1961**

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Council Offices,
Village Street,
Adwick-le-Street,
Nr. Doncaster.

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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ADWICK-LE-STREET

Public Health Department,
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September, 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the Adwick-le-Street
Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the inhabitants for 1961. I have also included a report on the personal health services carried out under my direction as Divisional Medical Officer.

The Vital Statistics are an indication of the health and welfare of the inhabitants and those for 1961 show:-

1. The population shows a reduction to 18,180. The population has shown small fluctuations over the last ten years but has not exceeded 19,000 since 1947.
2. The birth rate shows a slight increase over 1960.
3. The number of deaths of children under one year of age was the same as 1960.
4. The death rate was slightly increased. There were ten fatal road accidents during the year.
5. No mother died in childbirth
6. There was an increase in the number of cases of infectious diseases, mainly due to measles. One case of poliomyelitis occurred.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Senior, the Public Health Inspector, who has been responsible for the writing of the second part of this report on the sanitary circumstances of the area, and the staff of the Health Department for their valued help and co-operation, and also to all members, professional and clerical of the staff of the Divisional Office.

I would also express to you, Mr. Chairman, and the Councillors many thanks for the courteous reception of my reports throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FERGUSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF:

(a) **Medical Officer of Health:**

J. FERGUSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(b) **Deputy Medical Officer of Health:**

P. NICHOLAS, L.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.P.H.

(c) **Public Health Inspector:**

W. SENIOR, M.A.P.H.I.

(d) **Clerk:**

J. Y. LIVERSIDGE (Mrs.)

2. DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF:

(a) **Divisional Medical Officer:**

Dr. J. FERGUSON

(b) **Deputy Divisional Medical Officer:**

Dr. P. NICHOLAS

(c) **Assistant County Medical Officer:**

Dr. A. KROPACZ

(d) **Ante-Natal Medical Officer:**

Dr. D. CHAPMAN

(e) **Paediatrician:**

Dr. C. C. HARVEY

(f) **Psychiatrist:**

Dr. P. S. CROWLEY

(g) **Clerk:**

Mrs. E. BAYES

(h) **Health Visitors:**

E. BIRCUMSHAW (Tel. Don. 54457).

O. M. STONE (Tel. Don. 65862).

E. STEVENSON (Tel. Don. 49236). (Resigned 31-8-61).

F. CROMPTON (Tel. Don. 65728).

P. CRAWLEY (Tuberculosis Visitor)
(Tel Barnby Dun 279)

(i) **School Nurse:**

M. AGAR (Resigned 31-5-61)

E. MULLEN (Appointed 26-6-61).

(j) Midwives:

R. HUNTER (Relief), (Tel. Don. 49790).
L. STONE (Relief), (Tel. Conisbrough 3240).
S. EDWARDS (Tel. Adwick-le-Street 2156).
J. GOODINSON (Tel. Adwick-le-Street 2191).
H. le VANN (Tel. Adwick-le-Street 2244).
M. WATTS (Tel. Adwick-le-Street 3387).

(k) **Home Nurses:**

(1) Mental Health Welfare Officer:

F. L. JOHNSON (Tel. Barnby Dun 559).
J. JACKSON (Mrs.) (Tel. Don. 56128).
J. HURLEY (Miss) (Tel. Snaith 269).

(m) Speech Therapist:

S. M. ROOBOTHAM (Resigned 31.5.61).
P. WARDEN (Appointed 11.9.61).

(n) Senior Clerk:

C. W. VALLANCE

(o) Clerks:

E. BARNETT (Appointed 4.3.61.)
P. R. WEAVER
M. ALLEN
M. GEE (Mrs.) (Resigned).
B. BATKIN (Mrs.) (Resigned).
J. FROST (Miss).
J. SIMPSON (Mrs.)
J. LINEKER (Miss) (Resigned).
E. GAUNT (Appointed Nov. 1961).

3. TRAINING CENTRE STAFF:

(a) Supervisor:

A. THORP (Miss).

(b) Handicraft Instructor:

A. DILKES

(c) Teachers:

M. GASCOIGNE (Mrs.)

B. BROWN (Mrs.)

S. M. LEAM (Miss).

J. A. TRICKETT (Miss).

P. HAYCOCK (Miss) (Resigned 31.12.61)

4. WARDENS TO THE AGED

Mrs. P. STATON, 20 Fairview Avenue, Woodlands.
(Tel. Adwick-le-Street 3331).

Mrs. H. MORRIS, 14 Princess Street, Woodlands.
(Tel. Adwick-le-Street 3319).

Mrs. A. BRICE, 36 Shaftesbury Avenue, Woodlands.

Mrs. H. FLETCHER, 77 Chestnut Avenue, Carcroft.
(Tel. Adwick-le-Street 2345).

Mrs. A. RAYNER, 1 Edward Road, Skellow.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	3,605
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population mid-year 1961	18,180
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1961 ...	5,527
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1961	£164,355
Nett Product represented by a penny rate at 1st April, 1961	£641

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

(Corrected for Inward and Outward Returns)

Births:

LIVE BIRTHS (Registered)	1960	1961
Total Births	317	338
Birth Rate per 1,000 population ...	17.0	18.6
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (corrected)	16.5	18.0
Birth Rate for England and Wales ...	17.1	17.4
Percentage of illegitimate live births per total live births	6.7	6.5

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	166	150	316
Illegitimate	10	12	22
	—	—	—
	176	162	338
	—	—	—

STILL BIRTHS

	1960	1961
Total Number	6	10
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births ...	18.6	28.7
Rate for England and Wales	19.7	18.7
	Males	Females
Legitimate	6	4
Illegitimate	—	—
	—	—
	6	4
	—	—
	6	4
	—	—
	10	10

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				1960	1961
Total Births (Live and Still)	...	...	...	323	348
Rate per 1,000 population	17.34	19.14
				Males	Females
Legitimate	172	154
Illegitimate	10	12
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				182	166
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					348

Infantile Mortality

The Infantile Mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 registered births

		1960	1961
Number of Deaths	...	...	9
Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births		28.4	26.6
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	28.5	28.5
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	Nil	Nil
Death Rate for England and Wales	...	21.7	21.4

Of the 9 deaths which took place of children under one year of age, 6 were males and 3 females.

An investigation of these deaths showed that the main causes were:-

Bronchitis	...	...	3	Pneumonia	...	...	1
Prematurity	...	...	2	Abnormality	...	...	1
Hydrocephalus	...	...	1	Convulsions	...	...	1

The age group at which death occurred were:-

0 - 24 hrs.	1 - 7 days	1 - 4 weeks	1 - 12 months
1	2	—	6

Neo-Natal Mortality

The Neo-Natal Mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 registered births.

	1960	1961
Number of Deaths	...	4
Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births	12.6	8.9
Death Rate for England and Wales	15.6	15.5

Early Neo-Natal Mortality

The Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 registered births.

	1960	1961
Number of Deaths	4	3
Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births	12.6	8.9

Perinatal Mortality

The Perinatal Mortality Rate is the number of deaths of infants under one week and stillbirths per 1,000 registered live and stillbirths.

	1960	1961
Number of Deaths	10	13
Death Rate per 1,000 total live & still births	31.0	37.4

Maternal Deaths

	1960	1961
Maternal Deaths (including abortion) ...	Nil	Nil

Deaths

	1960	1961
Total Number	190	207
Death Rate per 1,000 population (crude) ...	10.2	11.4
Death Rate per 1,000 population (corrected)	14.5	16.2
Death Rate for England and Wales ...	11.5	12.0

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths	126	81	207

Deaths from Road Accidents and Other Violent Causes

There were 10 fatal road accidents in the area, 3 suicides and 8 other accidents.

COMPARATIVE TABLES

Year	Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate
1915	10,431	39.0	12.60	147.40
1920	11,797	30.90	9.90	67.70
1930	19,230	25.70	11.00	60.40
1935	19,650	19.60	12.90	80.70
1936	19,680	18.30	13.90	72.20
1937	19,330	15.70	13.60	58.20
1938	19,170	18.90	14.70	74.10
1939	19,050	19.52	13.46	72.58
1940	18,050	18.94	13.06 (crude)	40.81
1941	18,120	19.75	9.27 (crude)	77.12
1942	17,890	19.67	8.66 (crude)	53.97
1943	17,670	20.71	10.01 (crude)	71.03
1944	17,700	25.00	8.89 (crude)	49.43
1945	18,060	21.87	11.68 (crude)	96.20
1946	19,120	21.86	9.05 (crude)	35.88
1947	19,100	26.60	10.00 (crude)	71.00
1948	18,880	24.00	8.6 (crude)	53.00
1949	18,080	19.2	9.83 (crude)	65.6
1950	18,950	18.2	13.2	54.4
1951	18,640	19.12	12.12	28.7
1952	18,620	17.00	12.63	47.46
1953	18,760	20.0	13.8	27.3
1954	18,690	17.9	12.8	46.1
1955	18,470	18.5	12.6	41.9
1956	18,550	15.5	14.3	30.1
1957	18,530	17.3	13.9	18.1
1958	18,550	17.5	13.4	35.8
1959	18,580	16.7	15.9	43.8
1960	18,620	16.5	14.5	28.4
1961	18,180	18.0	16.2	26.6

From 1949 the death rate figures are corrected

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

Population and Birth Rate

The Registrar General's figures show a decrease in the population, from 18,620 to 18,180.

The Birth Rate shows an increase compared with 1960.

There were 22 illegitimate births compared with 23 in 1960. The Moral Welfare Committee of the Archdeaconry of Doncaster and Rotherham continues to be most helpful in these cases and arranges, with financial assistance from the West Riding County Council, accommodation for unmarried mothers in their Church Homes, when requested.

Premature Births

A table is appended showing details of the premature infants born in the area.

Birth Weight	Total Born				No. who died under 28 days		No. who survived 28 days	
	Dead		Alive					
	At Home	At Hospital	At Home	At Hospital	At Home	At Hospital		
Under 3 lbs.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
3 - 4 lbs.	—	2	1	1	—	—	2	
4 - 5½ lbs.	—	1	6	10	1	—	15	
Total ...	—	4	7	11	1	—	17	

Death Rate

The Infantile Mortality rate shows a decrease from 28.4 in 1960 to 26.6 in 1961 per 1,000 live births. The tables show that three occurred in the first week of life.

The number of deaths was increased by 17 bringing the total deaths for 1961 to 207 giving a crude death rate of 11.4. There were 33 deaths from Cancer compared with 30 in 1960 and of these 5 males and 1 female compared with 2 males and 2 females in 1960 died from Cancer of the Lungs. Heart diseases and associated diseases continue to be the commonest cause of death, there being 56 such cases in 1961 compared with 64 in 1960. There was 1 death from Tuberculosis compared with 2 in 1960.

There was no death associated with childbirth.

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1961

COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births - 0.97

Deaths - 1.42

The following table shows an interesting comparison between the Authority's vital statistics and those of the W.R.C.C. Urban Authorities, the West Riding as a whole, and England and Wales as a whole.

Crude Rate	Adwick-le-Street Urban District	Aggregate West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admln. County	England and Wales
LIVE BIRTHS (crude) ...	18.6	16.7	17.2	17.4
LIVE BIRTHS (corrected) ...	18.0	16.9	17.4	—
DEATH RATE - All Causes (crude) ...	11.4	12.8	12.1	12.0
DEATH RATE - All Causes (corrected) ...	16.2	13.6	13.4	—
Infective & Parasitic Diseases, excluding Tuberculosis but including syphilis & other V.D. ...	0.11	0.05	0.05	*
Tuberculosis:- Respiratory	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07
Other Forms	—	—	0.00	0.01
All Forms	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
Cancer	1.87	2.09	1.98	2.16
Vascular lesions of the Nervous System	1.21	1.97	1.84	*
Heart & Circulatory Diseases	3.36	4.79	4.50	*
Respiratory Diseases	2.64	1.75	1.64	*
Maternal Mortality	—	0.30	0.27	0.33
Infantile Mortality	26.6	24.2	24.6	21.4
Neo-Natal Mortality	8.9	16.0	16.5	15.5
Early Neo-Natal Mortality ...	8.9	*	*	*
Perinatal Mortality	37.4	33.5	34.2	—
Stillbirths	28.7	19.7	20.2	18.7

*Figures not available

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths.

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths.

Stillbirths Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths.

Social Conditions

The Chief occupation of the inhabitants of the district are coal mining, railway work and engineering, with tradesmen and shopkeepers who cater for their needs.

SECTION B

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

1. CHILD WELFARE SERVICE AND HEALTH VISITING SERVICE.

(a) Clinics

Presbyterian Chapel, Owston Road, Carcroft.

Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Woodside Chapel, Woodlands. Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The attendances at these clinics are as follows:—

No. of attendances during the year: Carcroft Woodlands Total

(a) Children under 1 year ...	3387	3095	6482
(b) Children 1 - 5 years ...	2221	2180	4401

No. who attended:

(a) Under 1 year	132	170	302
(b) Children 1 - 5 years ...	293	403	696
Total Number of Sessions	94	94	

Average attendances per session:—

(a) Under 1 year	36%	33%
(b) Children 1 - 5 years ...	23%	23%

(b) Home Visits

No. of first visits to:-

(a) Under 1 year ... ...	...	...	...	...	301
(b) Expectant Mothers ...	...	...	...	...	58

Subsequent Visits to:-

(a) Children under 1 year ...	...	...	...	1549
(b) Children 1 - 5 years ...	...	...	...	2422
(c) Expectant Mothers ...	...	...	...	46
(d) T.B. Household ...	...	...	...	1417
(e) All other visits ...	...	...	...	1845

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS

The sale of Welfare Foods (National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Cod Liver Oil, Vitamin A and D Tablets) has gradually diminished. Details of the time and places of sales and numbers sold are appended.

Divisional Health Office

During Office Hours Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5.20 p.m.
Carcroft Child Welfare Clinic ... Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Woodlands Child Welfare Clinic Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

YEAR 1961

Centre	National Dried Milk		Orange Juice		Cod Liver Oil		Vitamin A & D Tablets	
	Sold	Free	Sold	Free	Sold	Free	Sold	Free
Carcroft C.W.C. ...	273	1	1649	19	29	203	92	134
Woodlands C.W.C. ...	140	4	1565	28	50	187	79	115
Divisional Health Office	489	15	773	18	19	117	52	118
Total ...	902	20	3987	65	98	507	223	367

2. MATERNITY SERVICE

As more General Practitioners book maternity cases and carry out ante-natal examinations in their own surgeries there is a corresponding reduction in the number of attendances at Local Authority clinics where a medical officer is in attendance.

Continued co-operation is maintained with General Practitioners and as each relaxation and health education class is commenced practitioners are now notified in addition to personal visits from Midwives and Health Visitors.

Where practitioners hold ante-natal sessions in their surgeries midwives are in attendance, if duty permits.

(a) Ante-Natal Clinics

Woodlands Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

		Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	Total
Total No. of attendances:	...	1200	69	1269
No. of individual women who attended:	...	198	53	251
No. of sessions	...		88	
Average attendance per session			13.7	

(b) Relaxation Classes

Carcroft	Monday	10-12 noon.
No. of attendances ...	...	154
No. of individual women who attended	...	39
No. of sessions ...	...	32
Average attendance per session ...	...	4.8

(c) Midwives

There is a full complement of midwives in the area, and appended is a table of the domiciliary midwifery and visits carried out during the year:

Domiciliary Cases				
Doctor not Booked		Doctor Booked		
Doctor present at delivery	Doctor not present at delivery	Doctor present at delivery (either booked doctor or another)	Doctor not present at delivery	Total
2	71	44	88	205

No. of Ante-Natal Visits	...	...	...	2442
No. of Post-Natal Visits	...	...	...	5326

During the year there were 94 requests to doctors for medical aid by the midwives throughout the area.

Pregnancy	...	...	...	...	39
Labour	...	...	...	...	32
Lying-in	...	...	...	...	9
The Child	...	...	...	...	14

(d) Gas and Air Analgesia

No. of cases in which gas and air was administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year	...	66
1—When doctor was not present at delivery	...	58
2—When doctor was present at delivery	...	8

No. of cases in which Trilene was administered by domiciliary midwives	...	...	...	...	...	...	112
1—When doctor was not present at delivery	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
2—When doctor was present at delivery	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
No. of cases in which Pethidine was administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
1—When doctor was not present at delivery	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
2—When doctor was present at delivery	...	...	...	...	...	...	32

(e) Maternity Home Accommodation

There was an increase in the allocation of social bookings to twelve per month which enabled most requests for maternity home confinements to be satisfied. Almost all such booking are given to women expecting a first baby and living in rooms.

Cases admitted to:

Hamilton Annexe	...	...	...	...	...	120
Hamilton Lodge	...	...	...	...	...	22
Fairfield Nursing Home	...	...	...	...	...	2
Manygates Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	1
						145

3. HOME NURSING

The Home Nursing Service was fully staffed during the year, and is now adequate for all demands on this service. The nurses work under the direction of the general practitioners, and the tables show an increasing use of this service.

District Nursing (Adwick-le-Street) 1961

Type of Case	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses	No. of visits made by Home Nurses
Medical	386	11,833
Surgical	80	1,139
Tuberculosis	12	628
Total	478	13,600

4. HOME HELPS

This division has been allocated the equivalent of 30 full-time home helps, plus the equivalent of 0.5 full-time home helps from the central pool. During the year 86 part-time home helps were employed, and the accompanying table shows the work done. This service, together with the other health services, e.g., Home Nursing and visits by Health Visitors plus the increased provision by the Local Authority of aged persons bungalows and flats and the Wardens' Scheme (of which details appear in a later paragraph) result in many an aged sick person remaining in their own homes as they so earnestly desire to do.

Adwick-le-Street, 1961

Type of Case	No. of Cases		Hours Employed	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
Maternity	10	6	923½	273½
Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—
Chronic Sick:- 65 and over ...	180	195	33108¾	36579½
Under 65	14	16	2515	2721
Others	19	16	2188	2509
Total	223	233	38735½	42083½

5. SPECIAL CLINICS (Divisional Figures)

Special clinics are held for all children suffering from orthopaedic defects, defects of the ear, nose and throat, and defective vision.

Appended is a list of such clinics held during the year.

(a) Ear, Nose and Throat - Mr. Petty

Clinics held at the Doncaster Royal Infirmary	...	12
No. of children referred to E.N.T. Specialist	...	176
Referred for operation	...	88
Received operative treatment	...	77
No action	...	41
Treatment required	...	15

(b) **Refraction**—Dr. Mehta and Mr. Marshall

Clinics held at Wood Street, Doncaster.

No. of sessions ...	...	...	...	...	...	41
No. of children referred	...	...	...	...	...	429
No. of children attended	...	...	...	...	...	274
Glasses prescribed	...	...	...	...	...	145
Treatment required	...	...	...	...	...	18
For re-examination	...	...	...	...	...	248

(c) **Orthopaedic**—Mr. Maitland-Smith

Clinics are held bi-monthly at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

No. of sessions ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
			Pre-School Children	School Children		

No. of individual patients seen by the consultant, including those continuing attendance from previous year	...	12	9
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No. of above—

(a) Referred for operative treatment as short stay cases only	...	—	1
(b) Recommended long-stay hospital school	...	—	—
(c) Recommended treatment by orthopaedic nurse or physiotherapist—			
(i) at treatment centres	...	—	—
(ii) domiciliary	...	—	—
(d) Received operative treatment	...	—	1

Total number of attendances at consultant clinic	...	19	14
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(d) **Paediatric**—Dr. C. C. Harvey

Clinics held monthly at the Pavilion, Bentley.

Dr. C. C. Harvey attends a clinic once a month. Cases are referred to him both by general practitioners and Assistant County Medical Officers. In addition Dr. Harvey's services are available by appointment for a home visit.

No. of sessions ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
			Pre-School Children	School Children		

No. of individual patients seen:-

(a) New Cases	...	...	8	11
(b) Cases attending from previous year	11	29

Total No. of attendances at clinics	...	25	50
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Summary of type of defects for which referred in 1961:-

New Cases

			Pre-School Children	School Children
Gastro-Intestinal system	...	...	—	1
Respiratory System including E.N.T. defects	...	...	1	2
Psychological	...	...	—	1
Incontinence	1	—
Developmental	1	1
Epilepsy	1	—
Habit Spasms	—	1
Migraine	—	4
Unclassified	4	1
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	Total	...	8	11
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6. WELFARE OF THE AGED

The main function of the Committee for the Welfare of the Aged, sponsored by the Adwick-le-Street Council, which consists of members of that authority together with persons interested in the aged, is the Chiropody Service.

Chiropody Service

This service is now held at Woodlands and Carcroft Child Welfare Centres and Highfields Welfare Hall, and is greatly appreciated by the old folks who are thus enabled to get about in comfort.

The attendances during the year are given below:-

	Woodlands	Carcroft	Highfields
No. of clinics held	...	80	47
No. of persons attended	...	169	96
No. of treatments given	...	430	326
No. of domiciliary treatments:-			
Pensioners 106; Physically Handicapped 3.			
No. of persons treated:-			
Pensioners 57 and 1 Physically Handicapped.			

In addition to aged persons, this service has been extended to expectant mothers and physically handicapped persons and is a free service to all.

Warden Scheme

The Warden Scheme continues to function satisfactorily. There are now five wardens and two relief wardens on duty and their daily visits to the aged persons are a source of satisfaction. A few emergencies have arisen and these have been dealt with most ably by the wardens.

7. SCHOOL HEALTH

Medical Inspection of Pupils attending maintained Primary and Secondary Schools in the Division (Adwick-le-Street and Bentley-with-Arksey).

Periodic Medical Inspections

				No. of Pupils Inspected
Entrants	...	...	...	434
7 - 9 year group	...	...	...	405
10 - 11 year group	...	...	...	323
12 - 14 year group	...	...	...	654
School leavers	...	...	...	501
			Total	2317

Other Inspections

Special Inspection	...	...	...	79
Re-inspections	...	...	...	230
			Total	309

Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected

Age Groups (1)	No. of Pupils Inspected (2)	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
		No. (3)	% of Col. 2 (4)	No. (5)	% of Col. 2 (6)
1957 and later	—	—	—	—	—
1956	194	194	100	—	—
1955	240	240	100	—	—
1954	127	127	100	—	—
1953	195	195	100	—	—
1952	83	82	98.79	1	1.21
1951	21	21	100	—	—
1950	302	300	99.34	2	0.66
1949	218	218	100	—	—
1948	20	20	100	—	—
1947	416	415	99.84	1	0.16
1946 & earlier	501	500	99.8	1	0.2
Total	2317	2312	99.78	5	0.22

Eye Examinations

The eyes of children are tested by the School Nurse and those whose vision is worse than 6/9 Snellin in one eye are referred for further examination by the Ophthalmologist at Wood Street, Doncaster.

Routine Medical Examinations

The following table shows type of defects discovered at routine medical examinations during the year.

Defects Table - 1961

Defect	Recom-mended for Treatment	Recom-mended for Observation	Total
Skin	2	2	4
EYES			
(a) Vision	41	7	48
(b) Squint	4	—	4
(e) Other	—	2	2
EARs			
(a) Hearing	2	—	2
(b) Otitis Media	—	—	—
(c) Other	—	—	—
Nose and Throat	36	—	36
Speech	1	5	6
Lymphatic Glands ...	—	—	—
Heart	—	—	—
Lungs	—	4	4
DEVELOPMENTAL			
(a) Hernia	—	1	1
(b) Other	1	3	4
ORTHOPAEDIC			
(a) Posture	1	1	2
(b) Feet	1	—	1
(c) Other	4	2	6
NERVOUS SYSTEM			
(a) Epilepsy	—	—	—
(b) Other	—	2	2
PSYCHOLOGICAL			
(a) Development ...	—	—	—
ABDOMEN	—	—	—
Others	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	93	29	122

Cleanliness Inspections

During the year routine cleanliness inspections were carried out at every school in the division by the School Nurses and a total of 12,764 inspections and re-inspections were made. 227 pupils were found to be infested but in the majority of cases infestations were slight. Treatment and advice is given by the School Nurses. No Statutory Notices were issued during the year.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

School Children

In accordance with the requirements of the Education Act, 1944 and the Children and Young Persons Act, a number of children were referred by the Education Department which necessitated special examinations.

During the year 326 such children were seen with the following recommendations.

1. To remain on Register of Handicapped Pupils	...	1
2. To continue attendance at present school	...	8
3. Certificates of freedom from infection before returning to special school after holiday.	...	65
4. Completion of forms C.Y.P.9. for Youth Employment Officer (Medical information for employment purposes).	...	53
5. Children examined for holiday abroad	...	56
6. Referred to Child Guidance Clinic	...	2
7. Recommended as likely to prove unsuitable for education in ordinary school	...	4
8. Recommended for supervision after leaving school	...	2
9. Recommended not for supervision after leaving school —educationally sub-normal	...	3
10. Children in County Council Homes	...	72
11. Special School admission	...	7
12. Recommended for admission to Training Centre	...	2
13. Others for observations, etc.	...	51
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Prevention of Tuberculosis

The B.C.G. scheme was continued throughout the year and protection was offered to children under 14 years of age who showed, by previous testing, that they had not developed an immunity.

B.C.G. Vaccination

No. of Children skin tested	...	...	334
No. found positive	...	...	48
No. found negative	...	...	277
Not ascertained	...	...	9
No. Vaccinated	...	...	257

8. Mental Health Service

This service continues to work smoothly and the Mental Welfare Officers, with the Senior Mental Welfare Officer, have developed a close liaison with the medical staff at the Mental Hospital and the Consultants at the Psychiatric Out Patients Clinics. Practitioners have been informed of the availability and the areas of the officers. For night calls practitioners have been advised to telephone the Ambulance Depot who are supplied with the rota for all weekend, night and holiday duties. This help from the staff at the Ambulance Depot has been of the greatest value.

Mental Health

(Divisional Figures - Bentley-with-Arksey U.D.,
Adwick U.D., Doncaster R.D. and Tickhill U.D.)

1. Care and Guidance

Sub Normal				Severely Sub Normal				Mentally Ill				Psyco-path		Total	
Under 16		Over 16		Under 16		Over 16		Under 16		Over 16		Over 16			
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
16	27	52	57	4	8	1	3	1	—	75	104	—	1	149	199

2. Patients Referred During 1961

Referred By	Sub Normal				Severely Sub Normal				Mentally Ill				Psychopath				Total	
	Under 16		Over 16		Under 16		Over 16		Under 16		Over 16		Under 16		Over 16			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
General Practitioners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	93	1	—	2	—	66	
Hospital - In-Patient	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	65	81	—	—	—	—	66	
Hospital - Out-Patient	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	8	—	—	—	—	9	
Education Department	... 8	4	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	
Police and Courts	... —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	2	
Other Sources	... —	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	28	37	—	—	—	—	28	
Totals ...	8	4	3	1	1	1	—	—	3	—	165	222	1	—	2	—	183	
																	228	

3. Mental Health Act, 1959

Hospital Admissions

	Males	Females	Total
1. Section 25 Mental Health Act	7	9	16
2. Section 26 Mental Health Act	1	1	2
3. Section 29 Mental Health Act	32	52	84
4. Informal Admission	26	22	48
5. Short Stay Admission	3	8	11
Total ..	69	92	161

4. Adwick-le-Street Training Centre

Pupils on Register at 31st December, 1961.

Under 10		10 to 15		15 to 21		21 and over		Totals	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
8	12	12	16	6	14	2	7	28	49
20		28		20		9		77	

9. SPEECH THERAPY

The services of a Speech Therapist are available for this division one and half days per week. There is a shortage of such teachers and in the limited time available for this area much important work is carried out.

Total No. of Sessions held during the year ...	44
No. of new cases treated during the year ...	16
No. of cases already attending for treatment from previous year ...	26
Total No. of cases treated ...	42
No. of cases awaiting treatment at end of year ...	53
No. of visits made to schools ...	2

Analysis of Cases Treated during the Year

	Males	Females
Stammering	7	—
Defects of Articulation:-		
(a) Dyslalia	16	6
(b) Sigmatism	1	2
(c) Nasal Obstruction	—	1
Defective speech due to Deafness	—	1
Retarded speech development	5	2
Total cases treated ...	29	12

Analysis of Cases Discharged During the Year

				Males	Females
Speech Normal	...	...	...	5	9
Speech Improved	...	...	...	2	—
Non co-operation	...	...	...	10	6
Left School	...	...	...	—	1
Total Discharged Cases	...			17	16

10. ASCERTAINMENT OF DEAFNESS

Provision was made for the opening of an Audiology clinic at special premises in the Yorkshire School for the Deaf in Doncaster in March, 1961.

The findings at this clinic have underlined the importance of early diagnosis of all degrees of deafness in young children - and the earlier the better in order that medical, educational and auditory help can be given as soon as possible.

The personnel in attendance have been trained in the audiological assessment of young children. The initial suggestion of one clinic per month has proved inadequate and at least two clinics per month are necessary.

No. of clinics held ...	...	...	...	10
No. of attendances	...	...	...	43
Ages of children 18 mths - 15 yrs.				
Recommendations:-				
Hearing Aids recommended	...	...	...	9
To sit in front of class	...	...	...	4
Attend for Speech Therapy	...	...	...	4
School for Deaf	...	...	...	2
School for Partially Deaf	...	...	...	1
School for Speech Defects	...	...	...	1

11. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This scheme is still operating satisfactorily. There is a free ambulance and sitting car twenty four hour service for everyone. The vehicles are stationed at Yarborough Terrace, Bentley and are available on request from doctors and nurses or from the general public in an emergency.

12. SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

Throughout the year special examinations are carried out for the Council of all staff (officials and workmen) who commence work for the Council. Medical examinations and consultations are also held with members of the staff who have prolonged absence with sickness.

Similar examinations are carried out for the West Riding County Council and also of intending teachers prior to admission to college.

No. examined for Adwick-le-Street U.D.C.	...	...	18
School Canteen Workers	...	...	75
Teachers entering Training College	...	...	24
Temporary Teachers	...	...	8
Examination for Superannuation	...	...	16

13. TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Adwick-le-Street Public Health Dept.	Adwick-le-Street 2234
Divisional Health Office	Doncaster 61571
Ambulance Depot, Yarborough Terrace	Doncaster 49468
Ambulance Depot, Doncaster	Doncaster 53173

14. CLINICS & TREATMENT CENTRES

Appended is a list of clinics and treatment centres:

Clinic	Situation	Times of Opening
Maternity & Child Welfare	Woodside Chapel, Woodlands. Presbyterian Church, Carrcroft.	Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ante Natal	Woodside Chapel, Woodlands. Presbyterian Church, Carrcroft.	Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Alternate Mondays 2p.m.-4p.m.
School	Presbyterian Church, Carrcroft. Adwick Park School. Adwick Washing School Woodlands School Highfields School	Friday: 9 - 12 noon Wednesday: 9 - 12 noon Wednesday 2 - 3 p.m. Tuesday: 2 - 4 p.m. Wednesday: 10 - 12 noon
Tuberculosis ...	Chest Clinic, Doncaster Royal Infirmary	Adults—By appointment. Children—Friday & Tuesday by appointment.
Veneral Diseases ...	Doncaster Royal Infirmary	MEN Monday 9 - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m. Thursday 4.30 - 7 p.m. WOMEN & CHILDREN Monday 4.30 - 7 p.m. Thursday 9 - 12 noon. 2 - 4 p.m.
IMMUNISATION Diphtheria ... Whooping Cough... Tetanus	Child Welfare Clinics and Schools	By appointment.
VACCINATION Smallpox ... Poliomyelitis ...	Child Welfare Centres and Schools	By appointment.
Ear, Nose & Throat	Doncaster Royal Infirmary	By appointment.
Paediatric	Pavilion, Bentleypark	By appointment.
Orthopaedic ...	Doncaster Royal Infirmary	By appointment.
Refraction	Wood Street, Doncaster.	By appointment.
Child Guidance ...	Child Welfare Centre, Woodlands.	By appointment.
Dental Service ...	50 Thorne Road, Doncaster	By appointment.
Audiology	Yorkshire School for the Deaf, Doncaster.	By appointment.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water.

This District has representatives on the Don Valley Water Board. The water supplied to the whole of the area is sufficient and wholesome.

2. Rivers and Streams

The Mill Stream and the Ea Beck flow through the area.

3. Drainage and Sewerage.

The effluent from the sewage works continues to be classified as satisfactory. With the erection of the new Council Houses, the capacity of the existing sewage works is now reaching its maximum.

4. Scavenging.

This is carried out by the Council's Surveyor. Refuse is tipped on land adjoining the Sewage Works, the Ea Beck at Bentley Moor Lane and Crossfield Lane.

5. Rainfall and Temperature.

Your Surveyor, E. A. Daubney, Esq., has kindly supplied me with a copy of the recording of rainfall and temperature throughout the year.

Month	RAINFALL		TEMPERATURE			
	Year	Year	Min. Deg.		Max. Deg.	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
January ...	3.34	4.93 8" snow	24	20	54	55
February ...	1.20	2.89	30	20	56	62
March	0.25	1.40	29	27	64	58
April	2.96	.44	35	30	65	70
May	1.15	.91	32	36	76	78
June	1.16	.78	39	40	84	88
July	1.50	2.36	40	39	87	80
August	2.09	4.93	42	44	87	79
September ...	1.57	3.35	35	38	79	68
October ...	2.33	5.70	33	35	68	68
November ...	0.67	3.41	22	32	58	59
December ...	1.13 1.04" snow	2.07	17	26	55	54

The wettest day of the year was Wednesday, 11th October with a rainfall of .66 inches, the hottest days were Saturday, 1st July and Wednesday, 30th August with a temperature of 87 deg. F and the coldest days were Thursday and Friday, 28th and 29th December, with a temperature of 17 deg. F.

6. Offensive Trades.

Fish Frying — There are 11 shops in this area and 15 inspections were made.

Knackers Yard — None in the area.

Common Lodging Houses — None in the area.

7. Schools.

There are seven primary school departments, two secondary modern schools, and one grammar school. In addition, the R.C. school is an all department school.

No schools were closed during the year.

There are five school canteens in the area.

HOUSING

Thirty-one houses were built in this district during 1961, and three demolished (Slum Clearance). The number of houses in the various wards are:—

Skellow	...	...	...	...	...	...	996
Carcroft	...	...	...	...	...	...	1208
Adwick	...	...	...	...	...	...	1059
Woodlands East	...	...	...	...	...	...	533
Woodlands	...	...	...	...	...	...	1269
Highfields	...	...	...	...	...	...	462
							5527

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 276 cases of infectious diseases were notified compared with 60 cases in 1960. Measles (231), Scarlet Fever (18), Pneumonia (21), Whooping Cough (1), Erysipelas (1), Puerperal Pyrexia (1), Meningococcal Meningitis (1), Poliomyelitis (1), Dysentery (1), accounted for the diseases.

Infectious Diseases

	Totals	Adwick	Highfields	Woodlands	Woodlands East	Carcroft	Skellow
Scarlet Fever ...	18	2	—	2	—	7	7
Pneumonia ...	21	5	—	3	—	4	9
Measles ...	231	21	1	51	1	53	104
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Dysentery ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Meningitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals ...	276	29	2	57	1	65	122

Diphtheria Immunisation

Immunisation clinics were held throughout the year at schools and Child Welfare Clinics.

	Age under 5 years	Age 5 years & over but under 15	Total
No. of children (including temporary residents) who completed the full course of immunisation in the authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1961	243	27	270
No. of children who received a Booster Injection	1	61	62

Immunisation in Relation to Child Population

Age at 31.12.61	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10-15 years	Total
No. immunised ...	68	927	1336	1569	3900
Estimated Child population, 1961		1610		3600	5210
Percentage immunised ...		61.8%		80.7%	74.8%

Poliomyelitis Vaccination (ADWICK-LE-STREET and BENTLEY-with-ARKSEY) Position 31st December, 1961.

	No. of Registrations received	No. who have received 4 injections	No. who have received 3 injections	No. who have received 2 injections	No. who have received 1 injection	No. still awaiting injections
Children born 1943 to 1961 ...	10467	1476	8019	9487	87	893
Young Persons born 1933 to 1942	2575	—	1701	2539	13	23
Persons born before 1933 who have not passed their 40th birthday ...	989	—	619	944	21	24
Persons aged 40 & over & those whose age is unknown ...	290	—	209	260	9	21
Total Registrations ...	14321	1476	10548	13230	130	961

Whooping Cough Immunisation

	Under 1 1961	1 — 4 1959-56	5 — 9 1955-51	Total
Immunised 1961 ...	68	169	—	237
Already Immunised ...	—	879	1073	1952
Total Immunised ...	68	1048	1073	2189

Vaccination.

Vaccination is carried out at all the clinics, but the numbers accepting this protection against smallpox are very small.

Smallpox Vaccination

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 years and over	Total
No. Vaccinated ...	186	8	5	10	8	217
No. Revaccinated	—	—	1	—	1	2
Total ...	186	8	6	10	9	219

Infectious Disease Notifications (Corrected)

Per 1,000 Estimated Population.

Infectious Disease	Adwick- le-Street	West Rid- ing Admin. County	England and Wales
Scarlet Fever ... ... ...	.99	0.55	0.43
Measles	12.70	17.63	16.52
Whooping Cough	0.05	0.51	0.53
Diphtheria	—	—	0.00
Meningococcal Infection ...	0.05	0.02	0.01
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)			
Paralytic	0.05	0.02	0.02
Non-paralytic ...	—	0.00	0.00
Dysentery	0.05	0.70	0.44
Typhoid Fever	—	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	—	0.01	0.01
Erysipelas	0.05	0.05	0.05
Acute Pneumonia	1.12	0.48	0.40
Puerperal Pyrexia	0.05	—	—

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Tuberculosis.

No action was taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1953 or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

There was 1 death attributed to Tuberculosis during the year, giving a death rate of 0.06 per 1,000 population.

The number of cases in the Tuberculosis Register at the 31st December, 1961, compared with the previous year was:—

	1960		1961	
	M	F	M	F
Respiratory	65	49	70	47
Other Forms	23	7	23	8

Care and After-Care of Tuberculosis

A special Committee for this purpose has been established for some years. The Committee consists of lay members and representatives of the Medical Officers of Health in Doncaster and district. Financial assistance is given to the Committee by the West Riding County Council and the Doncaster County Borough.

It has been possible to help many cases with clothing, bedding etc. This Committee carries out most useful work and the advice of the special Health Visitors for Tuberculosis is always available.

The County Council also provides free milk up to two pints per day to cases recommended by the Tuberculosis Officer.

TUBERCULOSIS NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1961 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES, 1960

Age Group	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	Respiratory		Other Forms		Respiratory		Other Forms		M		F	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
0 - 1 year
1 - 5 years
5 - 15 years	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 - 25 years	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25 - 35 years
35 - 45 years	...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
45 - 55 years	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
55 - 65 years	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
65 years & over	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	7	5	2	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—

CAUSE OF DEATH — 1961

			M	F
All Causes	...	...	126	81
1.	Tuberculosis — Respiratory	...	1	—
2.	Tuberculosis — Other	...	—	—
3.	Syphilitic Disease	...	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic disease	...	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm — stomach	...	4	6
11.	Malignant neoplasm — lung, bronchus	...	5	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm — breast	...	1	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm — uterus	...	—	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	8	5
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	1	—
16.	Diabetes	...	1	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	8	14
18.	Coronary disease angina	...	17	9
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	2	2
20.	Other Heart Diseases	...	10	16
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	4	1
22.	Influenza	...	1	4
23.	Pneumonia	...	7	3
24.	Bronchitis	...	23	5
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	5	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	2	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	—	—
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	—	—
29.	Hyperplasia and prostate	...	5	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	2	6
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	10	—
34.	All other accidents	...	5	3
35.	Suicide	...	2	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	—	—

CANCER DEATHS

Sex	Age	Location of Disease												
		Lungs & Bronchus	Stomach	Breast	Uterus	Carcinomatosis	Rectum	Prostate	Colon	Bladder	Gall Bladder	Pelvis	Oesophagus	Liver
F	42	1												
M	47	1												
M	61	2												
M	65	1												
M	69	1												
F	55													
F	56													
F	61													
F	66													
F	71													
F	85													
M	33	1												
M	61	1												
M	67	1												
M	70	1												
F	37		1											
F	45		1											
F	85		1											
F	66			1										
F	32				1									
M	46					1								
M	55					1								
M	65					1								
F	53						1							
M	73						1							
M	73							1						
M	58								1					
F	85									1				
F	63										1			
F	65											1		
M	76											1		
M	73												1	
Total		6	10	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR
 1961 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ADWICK-LE-STREET IN THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE
 (West Riding)

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937-1959

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
		Inspection: (3)	Written Notices (4)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	28	14	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total ...	30	15	—	—

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—
Total ...	—	1	—	1

J. FERGUSON
Medical Officer of Health

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ADWICK-LE-STREET
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

W. SENIOR, M.A.P.H.I.
FOR THE YEAR 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of
Adwick-le-Street

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report for 1961, in which are set out details of inspections made and notices served, both informal and formal, under the provisions of the several Acts of Parliament, and ministerial regulations, which empower Local Authorities to carry out their duties. Details of work carried out as a result of services of notices are also recorded.

HOUSING ACTS

(a) **Slum Clearance** — all the houses in the six Slum Clearance areas have now been demolished although in two cases there is some site tidying up to be done.

During the year seven individual houses were represented as being unfit for human habitation. Demolition Orders were made in respect of six of them and a Closing Order in respect of the seventh. There were no appeals. Four of the tenants have been rehoused and two of the houses demolished.

(b) **Repair of Defective Dwelling Houses** — During the year 97 houses were repaired. Of these 91 were repaired after informal action had been taken. In six cases only was statutory action necessary.

(c) **Overcrowding** — There is still some overcrowding in the District notwithstanding a large increase in the number of new dwelling houses and a reduction in the population.

RENT ACT, 1957.

There have been no applications for certificates of disrepair during 1961. Five applications were received for standard grant and all were approved.

CARAVANS

Small encampments of caravans have continued to occupy grass verges on the outskirts of the District. It would seem that unless a strict supervision of these places is maintained that the matter could get out of control.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Many nuisances have been abated during the year. One of the difficulties causing drainage problems arises from mining subsidence which has entailed drainage reconstruction.

There has been one prosecution for exchanging toys for rags in which a conviction was secured.

AIR RAID SHELTERS

The Public Health Department would appear to be the General Public's target for securing the demolition of air raid shelters. A fair amount of time is taken up in investigating complaints, preparing reports and making representation upon air raid shelters. Progress is slow but the results are worthwhile.

Unfortunately it seems that demolition will not be approved unless shelters are partially demolished and structurally dangerous.

MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE

By virtue of the Factories Act, 1961, means of escape in case of fire in factories will, in future, be certified by the Fire Authority, in our case the County Council. Prior to the passing of the Act the certifying authority was the District Council. It is pleasing to be able to report that in all factories in this District the means of escape in case of fire were considered to be satisfactory and all certificates have been handed over to the County Council.

RODENT CONTROL

Every effort is made, each year, to survey the District completely for rodent infestation. It is not always possible to visit each individual dwelling house or hut although this is attempted.

Rat infestation exists mainly where the food supply is available. During the past year 159 treatments have been made as a result of which 431 rat bodies and 54 mouse bodies have been recovered and disposed of. It is felt that the number of live rats left after a treatment is of more importance than the number of bodies recovered.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Committees for their assistance and consideration of the many and varied problems which have arisen throughout the year.

RETURN OF INSPECTIONS

Inspection of dwelling-houses ...	...	...	...	...	311
Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses	...	...	...	...	46
No. re Rent Act.	...	...	...	...	1
Investigations of infectious disease and food poisoning	...	...	...	...	24
Investigation of complaints	...	...	...	...	110
Dwelling-houses regarding dirty and infested condition	...	...	...	...	17
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	3
Tents, Vans, Sheds and similar structures	...	...	...	...	42
Schools	...	...	...	...	14
Factories	...	...	...	...	15
Shops re Shops Act	...	...	...	...	58
Dairies	...	...	...	...	27
Food Preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	86
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	19
Shops—meat and other food	...	...	...	...	48
Drains	...	...	...	...	210
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	109
Premises re Rodents	...	...	...	...	27
Premises re swine, fowl and other animals	...	...	...	...	20
Air Raid Shelters	...	...	...	...	205
Sewers	...	...	...	...	12
Food Vehicles	...	...	...	...	56
Streams and watercourses	...	...	...	...	1
Cesspools and Septic tanks	...	...	...	...	15
Premises with regard to water supply	...	...	...	...	30
Premises re Bonfires	...	...	...	...	2
Markets	...	...	...	...	19
Meat Stalls	...	...	...	...	55
Fish Stalls	...	...	...	...	19
Stalls of other food	...	...	...	...	264
Betting and Gaming Act, 1960	...	...	...	...	13
Colliery Spoilbanks and Coal Banks	...	...	...	...	16
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	22
Premises re offensive accumulation	...	...	...	...	9
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	254
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	695
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	...	5

No. of informal notices outstanding 31.12.60	...	...	131
No. of informal notices served during 1961	...	...	180
	Total	311	
No. of informal notices complied with during 1961	...	...	181
No. of informal notices outstanding 31st December, 1961	...	...	130
No. of formal notices outstanding 31st December, 1961	...	...	4
No. of formal notices served during 1961	...	...	10
	Total	14	
No. of formal notices complied with during 1961	...	...	10
No. of formal notices outstanding 31st December, 1960	...	...	4
No. of Prosecutions (Section 154—Public Health Act, 1936 Exchange of Toys for Rags)	...	...	1
Sampling			
No. of ordinary milk samples taken for biological testing (T.B.)	...	...	48
No. of tuberculin tested milk samples taken for methylene blue and phosphatase tests	...	...	30
No. of pasteurised milk samples taken for methylene blue and phosphatase tests	...	...	46
Ice Cream			
No. of retailers registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955	...	...	43
No. of ice cream samples taken for bacteriological examination	...	...	110
No. of ice cream samples taken for chemical analysis	...	...	3
Water			
No. of dwelling-houses on public supply	...	...	5526
No. of houses not supplied from public mains, but having a satisfactory PRIVATE AND PIPED supply of water	...	...	1
No. of water samples taken for bacteriological examination	...	...	47
No. of water samples taken for chemical analysis	...	...	—
Food Hawkers			
There are 87 hawkers of food registered in this district.			
No. of food premises in the area			
(a) Catering establishments	...	...	14
(b) Bakehouses	...	...	2
(c) Other food shops	...	...	84
No. of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955			
(a) Ice Cream	...	...	43
(b) Sausages, Potted or Preserved Foods	...	...	10
(c) Fish and Chips	...	...	11

REPAIRS OF DWELLINGHOUSES

Living Rooms

Windows reglazed	...	...	...	...	...	3
New window frames provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Old windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	12
Window cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dampness in walls prevented	...	...	...	...	...	18
Plaster of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	13
Plaster of ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
New ceilings constructed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Floors reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Smoke nuisance abated	...	...	...	...	...	2
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
New door furniture provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
New fireplaces provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Old Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5

Sleeping Rooms

Worm infested woodwork	Skirting boards renewed	...	...	...	...	2
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	20
Windows reglazed	...	...	...	...	...	9
Window cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dampness in walls prevented	...	...	...	...	...	20
Plaster in walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	17
Dampness of ceiling prevented	...	...	...	...	...	20
Plaster of ceiling repaired	...	...	...	...	...	14
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
New ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	4
Floor repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cylinder Cupboard repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1

Staircase

Plaster of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Plaster of ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
New steps provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Old steps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Wood floor repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Window frame renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Handrails provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Window fastener provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
New doors provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ceilings rendered free from dampness	...	...	...	...	...	1

Sculleries and Wash Kitchen

Dampness in ceiling prevented	...	...	...	...	...	4
New ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	4
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
Dampness prevented in walls	...	...	...	...	...	7
Plaster of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	7
Plaster of ceiling repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
New sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	6
New taps	...	...	...	...	...	2
Waste pipes trapped	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Burst water pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cooking range repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
New cooking range provided	...	...	...	...	...	7
Floors reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	4
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Door furniture provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Coppers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fireback boiler renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1

Food Stores

Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plaster of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5
Ventilation provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness in walls prevented	...	...	...	...	...	6
Plaster of ceiling repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1

Repairs to Water Fittings

Water main flushed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Service pipe repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ball taps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hot water cylinder renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cold water storage tank renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1

Bathrooms

Defective plaster of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective plaster of ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dampness in ceiling prevented	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness in walls prevented	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water pipe repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste pipe cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bath provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
Waste pipe provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floor reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	1

External

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	46
Yards repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Eaves gutters provided	...	...	...	...	...	18
Eaves gutters cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	26
Eaves gutters repaired	...	...	...	...	...	23
Fall pipes provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fall pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fall pipes cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	11
Brickwork of walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
Walls repointed	...	...	...	...	...	37
Chimney Stacks repointed	...	...	...	...	...	37
Chimney Stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	...	10
Chimney Pots provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
Lead dressings remade	...	...	...	...	...	23
Verge fillets remade	...	...	...	...	...	23
Ridge tiles repointed	...	...	...	...	...	13
Air grates provided	...	...	...	...	...	7
Boundary walls repointed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Window sills repaired	...	...	...	...	...	20
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Garden gate provided	...	...	...	...	...	3

Coal Stores

Walls repointed	...	...	...	...	...	4
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	7
Eaves gutters provided	...	...	...	...	...	11
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Coalplace rebuilt	...	...	...	...	...	3
Eaves gutters repaired and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	9
New Doors provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fall pipes provided	...	...	...	...	...	6

Water Closets

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Walls repointed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
New Cisterns fixed	...	...	...	...	...	10
New flush pipes fixed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Seats provided	...	...	...	...	...	6
New pedestal provided	...	...	...	...	...	13
Joint between flush pipe and pedestal repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water supply pipe repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lighting and Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	9
New Ceiling	...	...	...	...	...	1

Floor reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Eaves gutters provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Window frame repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pail closet demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New Door	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Drains

Ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Ventilation pipes cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Inspection chambers built	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Ventilation pipe repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Surface water drainage provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sink waste pipe provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Grates fixed to sink gullies	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Inspection chamber covers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Self cleansing gullies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
New Cesspool Constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rain water fall pipes disconnected from drain	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Vermin

Bugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cockroaches	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ants	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Offensive Accumulations

Removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dirty Houses cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

(shops, schools, hotels, clubs etc.)

Wash-hand basins provided with hot and cold water laid on	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Sinks for washing food and equipment, with hot and cold water laid on	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Kitchen enlarged	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fly infestation abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clothes storage cupboards provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nail-brushes provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Soap or detergent provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Clean Cloths provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Towels provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	27

Legible notices asking users of conveniences to wash their hands after use	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food rooms cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	4
Beer cellar cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ventilation provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Waste food receptacles provided	...	...	...	...	...	10
Coal fired cooking range converted to electricity (Fish Shop)	1

Fire Prevention

Provision of Illuminated "Fire Exit" signs	1
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Factories

Sanitary conveniences provided	1
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INSPECTION OF FOOD SUPPLY

The following articles of food have been destroyed

JAMS

Honey	1 jar	Raspberry	1 jar
Marmalade	2 jars	Damson	1 jar
Apricot	1 jar	Mincemeat	1 jar

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Treacle	2 tins
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TINNED FRUIT

Plums	7 tins	Pears	22 tins
Apricots	29 tins	Peaches	48 tins
Oranges	9 tins	Pineapple	23 tins
Fruit Salad	4 tins	Grapefruit	.....	6 tins
Cherries	2 tins	Strawberries	.....	2 tins
Orange Juice	1 tin	Rhubarb	.....	4 tins
Grapefruit Juice	1 tin			

TINNED VEGETABLES, SOUPS ETC.

Tomatoes	261 tins	Ox Tail Soup	.....	5 tins
Peas	28 tins	Celery Soup	.....	5 tins
Sliced Beans	5 tins	Mushroom Soup	.....	1 tin
Baked Beans	44 tins	Red Cabbage	.....	1 jar
Tomato Juice	1 tin	Onions	.....	1 jar
Tomato Soup	17 tins	Chutney	.....	1 jar
Vegetable Soup	6 tins	Gherkins	.....	1 jar
Chicken Soup	6 tins			

TINNED FISH

Salmon	11 tins	Crab	1 tin
Pilchards	11 tins	Fish Cakes	5 tins
Sardines	1 tin	Fish paste	5 jars

TINNED MEAT, Etc.

Corned Beef	14 tins	Luncheon Meat	3 tins
Chopped Pork	19 tins	Stewed Steak	18 tins
Irish Stew	10 tins	Tongue	2 tins
Minced Pork	2 tins	Meat Paste	1 jar

LOOSE MEAT

Bacon	42 lbs.	Raw Ham	40½ lbs.
Cooked Ham	193½ lbs.	Chopped Pork	18 lbs.
Sausage	35½ lbs.	Luncheon Meat ...	22½ lbs.
Tongue	6 lbs.	Corned Beef	32½ lbs.
Bacon Joint	1	Sausage	9 pkts.
Chicken	1		

FATS

Cheese	112 lbs.	Butter	31¾ lbs.
Lard	½ lb.	Margarine	1 lb.
Cheese	8 pkts.	Suet	3 pkts.

BISCUITS

packets	15	Individual	3
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SUNDRIES

Milk	21 tins	Cereals	153 pkts.
Coffee	4 tins	Jelly	1
Milk Puddings	4 tins	Steam Puddings	2 pkts.
Clotted Cream	2 tins	Seasoning	6 jars
Flour	3 lbs.	Pepper	1 drum
Sauce	5bots.	Sugar	1 lb
Bovril	1 jar	Dates	5 pkts.
Steak & Kidney Pies	12	Bread	2 loaves
Pork Pies	12	Jam & Cream Cake ...	5½ lbs.
Tea	5¾ lbs.	Genoa Cake	4 lbs.
		Swiss Rolls	1

ICE CREAM (Heat Treatment Etc.) REGULATIONS, 1947-52.

The Regulations broadly require that, subject to certain qualifications, the ingredients of ice-cream shall be heat-treated after being mixed, and that the mixture shall then be cooled until the freezing process has begun. After freezing, the ice-cream must not be sold unless it has been kept at a temperature of not more than 28°F., or if its temperature has risen above 28°F, unless it has again been heat treated and then kept at not more than 28°F after being frozen.

In the circular accompanying the regulations it is stated that as yet no test has been devised, the reliability of which is sufficiently established to justify its use as a statutory test, non-compliance with which would constitute an offence. However, attention is being drawn to a form of methylene blue test, and it is suggested that if out of the four grades recommended ice-cream consistently fails to reach Grades 1 and 2, it would be reasonable to regard this as indicating defects of manufacture or of handling which calls for further investigation.

Of the 110 ice-cream samples taken:—

105 or 95.45% samples were in Grade I—Satisfactory.

5 or 4.55% samples were in Grade II—Satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	Local Authority (1)	Dwellinghouses (inc. Council houses) (2)	All other (including business premises) (3)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3) (4)	Agricultural (5)
Number of properties in Local Authority's District ...	22	5527	205	5754	18
Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	6	64	23	93	8
(b) Survey under the Act	16	5133	182	5431	10
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Total inspections carried out -including reinspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available) ...	97	5197	208	5502	32
Number of properties inspected in (Section II) which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats	Major ...	5	—	5	4
	Minor ...	15	42	74	10
(b) Mice	Major ...	—	1	1	—
	Minor ...	2	8	25	1
Number of infested properties (in Sec. IV) treated by the L.A.	22	51	32	105	15
Total treatments carried out — including retreatments ...	51	51	37	139	20
Number of Block Control schemes carried out ...	All treatments are carried out on the block control scheme				

No. of Bodies	Rats	Mice
	431	54

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